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Honorable Frank Horton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Rep. Horton  
USSR*

Dear Mr. Horton:

Thank you for your 7 September letter to Admiral Turner  
enclosing correspondence from [redacted] of  
[redacted] New York. [redacted] asked whether Russian  
missiles are back in Cuba again.

There are no medium or intermediate range surface-to-  
surface missiles in Cuba. These are missiles with sufficient  
range to reach the continental U.S. from Cuban bases. There  
are, however, some obsolescent coastal defense missiles and  
probably a few short-range (40 mile) tactical rockets. In  
addition, there are surface-to-air missiles--both the SA-2  
for use against aircraft flying at medium altitude, and the  
SA-3 for use against low-flying aircraft.

As you know, missile deployments in Cuba have been a  
matter of high interest to the U.S. Government since the  
early 1960s. We have high confidence in our ability to  
detect longer range surface-to-surface missiles if they  
should be deployed.

I trust this information will assist you in responding  
to your constituent.

Sincerely,

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Frederick P. Hitz

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